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(*d*) The arrear balance and the current balance as on 30th November 1960 relating to both "rent due to the temple on Sri Pandaravagai lands" and "Thiruppuvaram" are Rs. 4,12,229·68 and Rs. 39,614·57 respectively. Separate figures for Maniamkaram and Thiruppuvaram are not available. Rent in kind has been reduced to money value.

SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI : In view of the mounting up of arrears on the heads of poor ryots, may I know whether the Government will take immediate steps to abolish it?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Yes, Sir, we are also anxious to do the needful reform and we shall expedite it as soon as possible.

Master Plan (Cities and Townships)

MR. SPEAKER : As the hon. Member, who gave notice of question No. 665 is not in his seat, the question and answer will be printed in the proceedings.

* 665 *Q.*—SRI K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to have a Master Plan for Madras, Madurai, Tiruchirappalli and Coimbatore and for the various Townships in the State; and

(*b*) the nature of assistance received from the Centre?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) No assistance has been received so far from the Centre.

S.S.L.C. Examination Fee

* 666 *Q.*—SRI T. T. DANIEL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the students from the Madras City appearing for the S.S.L.C. examination can remit the examination fee by postal orders;

(*b*) whether this concession is proposed to be extended to mufassal students; and

(*c*) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) *to* (*c*) Till 1957, the examination fees from *private* candidates appearing for various Government examinations, from the City of Madras, were remitted into the Reserve Bank of India. As the Reserve Bank expressed its inability to receive small amounts over the bank's counter, it was ordered in 1957, that private candidates from the city may remit their examination fees in the shape of postal orders. As no special difficulty is experienced by the treasuries in the mufassal in receiving the remittances, from the private students, it is not proposed to extend the scope of the orders to such students outside Madras City.

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SRI T. T. DANIEL: May I know whether there is any difficulty, so far as the Government are concerned, to extend this facility to the mufassal students?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: Sir, the difficulty would be that the postal orders would have to be sent by post and then the postal orders will have to be endorsed. In many cases there are likely to be defective endorsements and all that would lead to difficulties for students. That is why the procedure of regular payment into the treasury has been adopted.

Nylon Nets

* 667 *Q.*—SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total value of Nylon nets and yarn supplied to fishermen in the Kanyakumari district in 1960; and

(*b*) the nature of concessions given by the Government to the fishermen in this regard?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON: (*a*) Four hundred and fifty pounds of Kenlon brand nylon twine valued at Rs. 4,200 were supplied to the fishermen of Kanyakumari district during 1960.

(*b*) The usual subsidy of 33-1/3 per cent was allowed on the cost of the above twine. The net cost of the material (i.e., the value of the yarn sold at 66-2/3 per cent of the cost price) is recoverable in 18 monthly instalments spread over a period of two years, excepting for three months in a year during the off-season.

Meeladi Nabi

* 668 *Q.*—SRI A. A. RASHEED: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state the reason for not declaring Meeladi Nabi as a Government holiday for the year 1961?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: In accordance with the recommendation of the Pay Commission, the number of holidays has been reduced. According to this scheme, a general holiday has been declared for Bakrid but not for Meeladi Nabi. In addition three optional holidays for religious purposes have been allowed, and those desirous of taking a holiday on Meeladi Nabi also can avail themselves of this facility.

Tuberculosis Chemotherapy Centre, Madras

MR. SPEAKER: As the hon. Member, who gave notice of question No. 669 is not in his seat, the question and answer will be printed in the proceedings.

* 669 *Q.*—SRI K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of International Experts provided by W.H.O. during 1960 for the Tuberculosis Chemotherapy Centre, Madras;